

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: YANG *et al.* : Confirmation No.: 3991  
Application No.: 10/823,065 : Group No.: 1771  
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LAMINATE FLOORING

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Official action dated May 31, 2006 ("Office Action"), the three months statutory period to respond to which is set to expire on August 31, 2006, the following amendment and remarks are submitted in conjunction with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Amendment to the Specification is provided on page 2 of this paper. Amend to the claims is provided in the Listing of Claims that begin on page 3 of this paper. The remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.